

REMARKS

Claims 16-21 are all the claims currently pending in this Application.

On the cover page of the current Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 16-19 and 21 are allowed and that claim 20 is objected to and rejected. In the body of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claim 20 is objected to and that claims 16-20 are allowed. No rejection of claim 20 is provided. As discussed below, Applicants amend claim 20 to overcome the Examiner's objection. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 16-21 are allowable.

Claim 20 stands objected to due to informalities. The Examiner indicates that claim 20 is directed to "a recording medium on which a control program for causing a computer to implement the functions of the literary work distribution network system as claimed in claim 16 is recorded." However, the Examiner notes, claim 16 is a system claim. Therefore, with this Amendment, Applicants amend claim 20 into independent form including the functions of the elements recited in claim 16. Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 20 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Based on at least the above, Applicants submit that claims 16-21 are allowable.

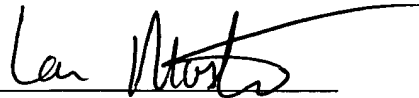
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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